

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 4507**
Albert H. ROBBINS : Docket No. 2003_0926
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METHOD OF USING LIGHTER-THAN-AIR
DEVICE HAVING A FLEXIBLE USABLE
SURFACE

ELECTION OF INVENTION

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Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement of July 22, 2004, Applicant traverses the restriction between claims 1 and 3-10 for the following reasons.

Paragraph 1 of the Restriction Requirement asserts that claims 3-10 are drawn to "a method of blocking material (a tent)." It is respectfully submitted that neither one of claims 3-10 recite "a tent." The inaccurate generalization of claims 3-10 then leads to the assertion in paragraph 3 that "a method of condensing water has nothing to do with a tent."

It is respectfully submitted that in the exemplary event that the material to be blocked from entering an area, for example, as recited in claim 3, includes a form of water then the method of condensing water of claim 1 and the method of blocking material, of claim 3, respectively, would not be unrelated. For this reason, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 should be joined with claims 3-10.

In any event, Applicant hereby elects Group III, which is drawn to a method of blocking material and is embodied by claims 3-10. Further, as discussed above, Applicant respectfully requests that claim 1 be joined into elected Group III.


Accordingly, since Group III has been elected, Applicant hereby elects Species B, fog being blocked. Note, that claims 5 and 9 read on the elected species.

Having made the required election, a full examination on the merits of the elected group is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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